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REQUEST FOR FILING APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)  
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This is a request for filing a new PATENT APPLICATION under Rule 53(b) entitled:

**REDOX REVERSIBLE HCV PROTEINS WITH NATIVE-LIKE CONFORMATION**

without a filing fee and/or without an executed inventor's oath/declaration.

This application is made by the below identified inventor(s). Attached hereto are the following papers:

☐ Newly executed Declaration, ☐ Copy of Declaration from prior application, ☒ Abstract

44 pages of specification and claims (including 11 numbered claims), and

10 sheets of accompanying drawing/s for Figures 1 - 6.

☒ Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on the following foreign applications:

Application Number	Country	Day/Month/Year Filed
EP 99870225.2	EP	27 October 1999
EP 94870132.1	EP	29 July 1994
PCT/EP95/03031	WO	31 July 1995

, respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application..

☐ Certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) is/are attached.

☐ Certified copy(ies) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ in prior application no. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_

☒ This application is a ☒ continuation/☐ division/☐ continuation-in-part of Application No. 09/795,289, filed December 7, 1999, (pending), and this application is a continuation-in-part of application Serial No. 09/973,025, filed October 10, 2001 (pending), which is a continuation of U.S. application Serial No. 08/928,017, filed September 11, 1997 (now abandoned), which is a divisional of U.S. application Serial No. 08/612,973, filed March 11, 1996 (now U. S. Patent 6,150,134, issued November 21, 2000), which is a 371 U.S. National Phase of PCT/EP95/03031, filed July 31, 1995, which designated the U.S., the entire content of each of which, as well as EP 99870225.2 and EP 94870132.1, are hereby incorporated by reference in this application.

☒ Petition filed in prior application to extend its life to insure co-pendency.

☒ The prior application is assigned to Innogenetics N.V., Ghent, Belgium,

☒ It is hereby requested that the Examiner consider the art cited in the above parent application(s) by applicant and/or the Examiner for the reasons stated therein. A listing of that art is attached, but pursuant to Rule 98(d) copies are not required.

☐ Applicant claims "small entity" status. ☐ "Small entity" statement attached.

☒ Please enter the attached preliminary amendment prior to calculation of filing fee:

☒ Also attached: ☐ Information Disclosure Statement; ☐ Non-Publication Request; ☒ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission; ☐ Statement deleting Inventor(s) named in prior application; ☒ Other: copy of sixteen (16) sheets formal drawings and Petition to Extend filed in parent application

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☒ See attached sheet(s) for additional inventor(s) information!!

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